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Message: Examiner Self: Attached is a courtesy fax copy of
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Dear Ms. Self,

As we discussed in our telephone conversation of June 14, this second Supplemental Amendment is in addition to the previous Supplemental Amendment of April 1, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reg. No. 51,266In the Drawings:

Page 1 - SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT (09/918,895)

In the Drawings:

Substitute the marked-up Figure 1A for Figure 1A as previously amended.

In the Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment

Amend the paragraph on Page 7 beginning at line 3 as follows:

The front side 12 of the knife 10 includes spaced deflector ridges 18a and 18b that project therefrom. Each of the deflector ridges 18a and 18b is characterized by a single linear edge 13a and 13b respectively (Figure 1A). The deflector ridges define a channel 34 having a channel surface 34a. The channel 34 is effectively a recess in the front side of the knife, which may be provided in other configurations, such as a keyway. The deflector ridges also define two lower knife-edge-joining portions 38a and 38b that terminate in respective cutting edges 16a and 16b. The cutting edges 16a and 16b lie in a plane "P₁" and the edges 13a and 13b of the deflector ridges are maximally spaced from the plane "P₁". As is most readily apparent in Figure 1A, the lower knife-edge-joining portions 38a and 38b provide smoothly curving transitions between the associated linear edges 13a and 13b and the respective corresponding cutting edges 16a and 16b. Particularly, with reference (for example) to the knife-edge-joining portion 38a, the knife-edge-joining portion provides a smoothly curving transition between a point "P_{deflector-ridge}" on the linear edge 13a and a point "P_{cutting-edge}" on the cutting edge 16a.